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NOTICE OF NON-STREAMLINED DOMESTIC 214 APPLICATIONS GRANTED

WC Docket Nos. <u>07-232</u> and <u>07-234</u>

Pursuant to section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214, and sections 0.91, 0.291, and 63.03 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91, 0.291, 63.03, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) approves the application of Rural Communications Holding Corporation and its wholly owned subsidiary, Shell Rock Telephone Company (SRTC), to transfer assets of SRTC to Shell Rock Communications, Inc., and the application of Bayland Telephone, Inc. (Bayland) to transfer control of Bayland and its wholly owned subsidiaries, Bayland Communications, Inc. and Baynet, Inc., from the current shareholders of Bayland to Northeast Communications of Wisconsin, Inc., d/b/a Nsight Telservices. No commenters opposed grant of these applications.

The Bureau finds, upon consideration of the record, that the proposed transfers will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity, and therefore grants the requested authorizations.² Pursuant to section 1.103 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.103, the consent granted herein is effective upon the release of the Public Notice. Petitions for reconsideration under section 1.106 or applications for review under section 1.115 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.106, 1.115, may be filed within 30 days of the date of this Public Notice.

For further information, please contact Tracey Wilson-Parker at 202 / 418-1394, Jodie May at 202 / 418-0913, or Melissa Kirkel at 202 / 418-7958, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau.

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See Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Acquisition of Assets of Shell Rock Telephone Company from Rural Communications Holding Corporation to Shell Rock Communications, Inc., WC Docket No. 07-232, Public Notice, DA 07-4318 (rel. Oct. 17, 2007); Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of Bayland Telephone, Inc. and its Subsidiaries Bayland Communications, Inc. and Baynet, Inc. to Northeast Communications of Wisconsin, Inc., WC Docket No. 07-234, Public Notice, DA 07-4356 (rel. Oct. 19, 2007).

See Joint Applications of Global Crossing Ltd. and Citizens Communications Company for Authority to Transfer Control of Corporations Holding Commission Licenses and Authorizations Pursuant to Sections 214 and 310(d) of the Communications Act and Parts 20, 22, 63, 78, 90, and 101 of the Commission's Rules, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 16 FCC Rcd 8507, 8511-14 (CCB/IB/CSB/WTB 2001) (granting transfer of control involving incumbent LECs with adjacent exchanges where merger would provide service efficiencies).